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**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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For: ELECTRO-OPTICAL DEVICE ENCASED IN MOUNTING CASE, PROJECTION  
DISPLAY APPARATUS, AND MOUNTING CASE

**RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

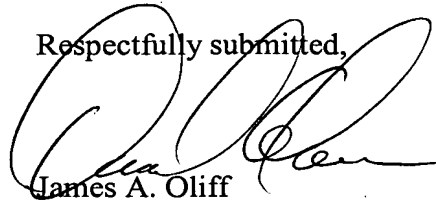
In reply to the July 12, 2005 Election of Species Requirement, Applicants provisionally elect Species I, Figures 4-8, with traverse. Claims 1-9 are readable on the elected species. Claims 1, 4, 5, 7 and 9 are generic to both species, despite the Office Action's assertion to the contrary. Therefore, when any of these claims are allowed, all of the claims directed to the non-elected species must be rejoined and examined.

It is also respectfully submitted that the subject matter of all species is sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of any one species would encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining species. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the search and examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. See MPEP §803 in which it is stated that "if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions" (emphasis added). It is

respectfully submitted that this policy should apply in the present application in order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to Applicants and duplicative examination by the Patent Office.

Thus, withdrawal of the Election of Species Requirement is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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